

Youth & Children's Voice

Bigger & Better (grades 4-12)

10 – 11:30 am Epiphany Sunday, January 3 Our youth will set out on foot in groups of 4-5 with a beginning item and engage people to trade for a bigger & better one. Parishioner Randy Johnson participated as a youth in an activity like this and ended up with a car. Anything is possible. It's much more about the process than the end product. It's an opportunity to connect with the community around St. John's. Judges will determine the best over-all item, best story, & creativity in item presentation. We need adults to chaperone each group. Contact Sheila Foster.

Epiphany Play & Worship 7 pm Wednesday, January 6

If you missed out on the Christmas play & Tableau, there is another opportunity to participate in the Christmas Story. We'll reenact the Visit of the Magi at the Stable. This is an opportunity for children, youth, & adults of all ages. There are about 5 speaking parts & several non-speaking parts. We will rehearse at 6 pm Wednesday, 1/6. Scripts will be available on Sunday, 1/3. Contact Sheila Foster.

Muffin Baking Overnight Saturday-Sunday, 1/16-17

Do you know the muffin man? We'll gather in the church kitchen to bake muffins in preparation for St. John's Annual Meeting. All participants, please sign-up on the Parish Hall participation table clip-board. We'll prepare dinner at 5 pm then move on to muffin making. We'll also have an Annual Meeting discussion & a Compline worship service. All youth are required to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday. Contact Sheila Foster if you can be an adult volunteer or for more information.

Habitat For Humanity Dinner Saturday, January 30

Servers Needed: If you've ever wanted to be a fine dining server, now is your chance. Please sign up to help serve and learn restaurant service tricks of the trade. Training is available. Contact Sheila Foster.

Intergenerational Adopt a Platoon Event, Sunday, January 31 All Youth & Children's programs will participate

This all-parish valentine writing activity in the Parish Hall will follow all services. We encourage all ages to help. We ask parents to join their children in this activity. The more people we have creating valentines, the more we'll be able to send.

Sr. High Youth (grades 9-12) Diocesan Jr/Sr High Ski Trip March 5-7; Registration Deadline: February 17

St. Stephen's will host a Diocesan-wide youth ski trip. Registration forms are on the Parish Hall Youth Bulletin Board. Cost depends on what you choose: down hill skiing, cross country, & snowboard.

Episcopal Youth Music Camp registrations available!

See the Parish Hall Youth Board for 2010 Music Camp forms & information. **Early Bird** registration, \$485 fee & scholarship form are **due by May 1**. Camp runs August 8-15 at Camp Heartland, Willow River, MN for youth entering grades 3-12 in Fall 2010. Many St. John's adults staff camp and see it as an extension of our Faith Formation Programs. The camp experience equals almost a year's worth of Faith Formation. Find photos & registration forms on the official website:

EpiscopalYouthMusic.org

Diocesan Youth Music Festival Evensong 4:30 pm Saturday, February 6 at St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis. St. John's Youth will participate in the Festival and request your attendance. During the worship service the Bishop's Chorister Award, The Dean's Award & the Cannon Small Award of Leadership will be presented. Past St. John's winners of the Bishop's award are Zoe Foster, Sydney Foster, & Geneva Cole. At the 2009 Festival the Cannon Small Award went to Marcella Kobinski. We hope to have new St. John's award winners this year. To audition for the awards & for details about each award & registration materials, contact our Music Minister, Matt Anderson. The Youth Choir will rehearse the Festival music during January. Youth Choir rehearsals are 6-7 pm Wednesdays.

Don't Forget These Dates January

- 4** Bigger & Better Treasure Hunt
- 17** Sr. High Youth Overnight
- 18** Annual Meeting *All youth attend*
- 24-25** St. Stephen's Diocesan Jr. High Overnight
- 30** Habitat for Humanity Dinner
- 31** Adopt a Platoon

February

- 7** Diocesan Youth Music Festival St. Mark's Cathedral
- 10** Mardi Gras Celebration
- 12** Diocesan Youth Overnight Bishop's Ordination St. Mark's Cathedral
- 25** Ash Wednesday COFTA 6-6:45 pm

Weekly Events

Wednesdays

- 5-5:45 pm Handbells 6th – Adults
- 6-7 pm Youth Choir grades 6-12
- 6-7:30 pm COFTA grades 4-12
- 6-6:50 pm Adult Education

Sundays 10 am education for all